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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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for METHODS OF IDENTIFYING ORGANISM BASED ON ITS GENOTYPE. The application comprises a 40-page specification, including 7 claims (1 independent) and Abstract and 3 sheets of drawings.

Also accompanying this application for filing is:

Preliminary Amendment to Lessen Fees;

A certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-123755, filed April 25, 2000, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently.

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